

**Town of Camden
Regular Town Council Meeting
Camden Municipal Building
March 6, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noticed that this regular Council Meeting was being held in compliance with the Delaware Open Public Meeting Act by posting the agenda on February 24, 2017, in the following manner:

- a. The electronic sign,
- b. The Delaware state News,
- c. The News Journal,
- d. The Official Bulletin Board, and
- e. The official Town of Camden Web Site.

Vice-Mayor Schock led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor King led a moment of silence.

Council Attending: Mayor King, Vice-Mayor Schock, Councilman Dougherty, Councilwoman Torres, and Councilman Findley.

Absent: None.

Staff Attending: Chief William Bryson, Town Manager Aaron Chaffinch, Town Solicitor Craig Eliassen, Town Clerk Jamie Fenske, and Account Specialist Amanda Marlow.

AMENDMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor King swore in Tracy Torres as Councilwoman to another three year term.

Mayor King swore in Michael Schock as Councilman to another three year term.

Mayor King thanked Councilman Schock and Councilwoman Torres for volunteering for another three year term.

REORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 2017:

Motion made by Councilman Findley, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the appointment of Councilman Schock as Vice-Mayor. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to approve the appointment of Jamie Fenske as Town Clerk. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the appointment of Craig Eliassen as the Towns Solicitor. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the appointment of Harold Scott Jr as the Code Enforcement Officer. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to approve the selection of Delaware State News and News Journal as the official newspaper for notices of publication. All in favor; none opposed.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the February 6th, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilwoman Torres, to approve the February 6th, 2017 executive session minutes. All in favor; none opposed.

FINANCE REPORT

Account Specialist Amanda marlow explained that she and Mayor king spoke with a representative from WSFS about moving three of the bank accounts to money market accounts so that the town can collect interest on our money, which we were not doing before.

Mrs. Marlow also provided a chart showing the CD rates and explained that if it is Mayor and Council's pleasure to put money into a CD this would need to be put under new business and need to be voted on.

Mrs. Marlow reported that delinquent property taxes has went down approximately \$10,000. She added that Mr. Josiah will be in during the month of March to start preparing the budget for fiscal year 2018. May 1st will be the first reading of FY18 budget, May 15th will be the public workshop, and June 5th is the scheduled second reading.

Mayor King announced that Mrs. Marlow is the one that came up with the idea to speak to the bank about opening accounts that would allow the town to collect interest on our money. He thanked her on finding this for the town.

CAMDEN WYOMING FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Dear stated that last month the Camden Wyoming Fire Department had 59 alarms, 302 ambulance calls, and an average of 17 volunteers per run.

He added that the fire department would like to obtain another ambulance and crew in the near future, when funding becomes available.

Mayor King thanked Mr. Dear for his report.

CAMDEN WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

None.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC CAMDEN

None.

VFW

Mr. Lucky Dufresne explained that the VFW received gambling violations last Veteran's Day and has since done away with the machines which have caused a major loss in revenue. He added that they still have the canteen closed but are trying to do fundraising events on Fridays.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Bryson gave his report.

Councilwoman Torres explained that she has noticed that one officer in specific has been very present all around town and that she is happy to see the presence of the Camden Police Department all around.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Chaffinch announced that the RETT check for the month of January was \$9,244.12. He added that he has received two very good applications for the public works position that he is looking to interview very soon.

Mr. Chaffinch reported that the problem on Cambridge Road is more of a problem that we initially thought and Miten Construction will be repairing it when the asphalt plants open back up.

Mayor King questioned how the equipment is holding up in public works.

Mrs. Marlow stated that she has spoken to Mr. Scott and he is getting her a list of all of his equipment along with what needs to be replaced and or purchased.

MAYOR

Mayor King congratulated on Vice-Mayor Schock and Councilwoman Torres on another 3 year term with the Town of Camden. He added that all of Mayor, Council, and the boards are all volunteer at which the volunteers do not get paid. He explained that he and Councilman Dougherty are still in negotiation with the COPA. He thanked the staff for their hard-work.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2017-O-01 Ordinance declaring the recently annexed parcel as highway commercial, map parcel 7-00-103.00-01-61.00-000

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Dougherty, to enter Public Hearing at 7:45pm. All in favor; none opposed.

Mr. Chaffinch explained that this ordinance is to properly zone the newly annexed property at 4912 S Dupont Hwy.

There were no comments made by the public.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Schock, seconded by Councilman Findley, to exit Public Hearing at 7:47pm. All in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2017-O-01 Ordinance declaring the recently annexed parcel as highway commercial, map parcel 7-00-103.00-01-61.00-000

Mr. Chaffinch read the title for the first reading of Ordinance 2017-O-01 Ordinance declaring the recently annexed parcel as highway commercial, map parcel 7-00-103.00-01-61.00-000.

A motion was made by Councilman Dougherty, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-O-01 Ordinance declaring the recently annexed parcel as highway commercial, map parcel 7-00-103.00-01-61.00-000. All in favor; none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 7:49 by Councilwoman Torres, seconded by Vice-Mayor Schock, adjourn the council meeting. All in favor; none opposed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Fenske, Town Clerk*